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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Docket Number appearing at page 1 with the following.

Docket Number:

--Docket No. 05369/00009 00042--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1 immediately after the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following paragraph:

[Signature]
--This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/935,921, filed 23 August 2001, which claims priority from ~~co-pending~~ now U.S. Patent 6,609,527 U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/263,220, filed 22 January 2001, the disclosure of which each is hereby incorporated herein by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The TEFLON-type tapes available commercially in the marketplace today, include: Gore's Glide®; Oral-B's Satin Floss®, Johnson & Johnson's Easy Slide®, and Colgate's Total®. All of these tapes can be worked between tight spaces with a minimum of fraying and breaking. Yet, unlike their multifilament counterparts such as Johnson & Johnson's woven floss, REACH® Gentle Gum Care, during flossing, these tapes do not release substantial quantities of cleaners, abrasives, tartar control ingredients, whiteners and active ingredients such as fluoride, antimicrobials, antibiotics, etc. The net of this shortcoming in failing to deliver substantial quantities of ingredients to those sites being flossed is that the tapes are generally perceived as most convenient in fitting between teeth, but unfortunately, they are generally